

Nation in Brief

CIA Nominee Virtually 'In'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter's second nominee for CIA director said Tuesday he would never allow the assassination of a foreign head of state by the agency in peacetime, and declared that he favors criminal penalties for persons who leak secret data to the public.

Adm. Stansfield Turner made his statements in completing his testimony before the Senate intelligence committee. He was virtually assured of being confirmed in the CIA post when the committee votes Wednesday.

The only minor obstacle to Turner had been his decision to retain his four-star Navy rank. Some senators said they were disturbed by the idea of having a military man, especially one on active duty, running the CIA.